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Allegiances

ThunderClan

Leader

Featherstar - light gray-and-white tabby she-cat

Deputy

Adderclaw - brown tabby tom

Medicine Cat

Sorreltuft - tortoiseshell-and-white she-cat

Warriors

Bramblefang - ginger-and-brown tabby tom

Squirreltail - ginger she-cat **Apprentice: Lionpaw**

Lilyflight - black-and-white tabby she-cat **Apprentice: Poppypaw**

Seedfur - golden she-cat with black flecks

Stormpelt - silver tabby tom

Smokenose - dark gray tom with a black nose

Whitefoot - black tom with white feet

Queens

Leafpelt - tortoiseshell she-cat (mother of Smokenose's kits: Spottedkit, a tortoiseshell-and-white she-kit and Hollykit, a black she-kit)

Sunnyfur - bright ginger she-cat (mother of Bramblefang's kits: Tigerkit, a ginger-and-brown tom, and Brightkit, a bright ginger

she-kit)

Elders

Hazelfur - brown she-cat

Dewclaw - silver tom

ShadowClan

Leader

Ivystar - black, white and tortoiseshell she-cat

Deputy

Crowtail - a gray tom with a black tail

Medicine Cat

Darkfur - dark gray tom **Apprentice: Spotpaw**

Warriors

Shadeclaw - dark gray tom

Redclaw - dark ginger tom

Gingerfur - dark ginger she-cat

Tawnyfur - tortoiseshell she-cat **Apprentice: Sootpaw**

Shinefur - sleek-furred brown she-cat **Apprentice: Flamepaw**

Sleekstripe - sleek-furred brown she-cat **Apprentice: Stonepaw**

Strikeclaw - burly gray tom with gray-green eyes

Berryfur - dark ginger she-cat, former medicine cat

Apprentices

Spotpaw - light brown tabby she-cat with a spot on each front paw

Sootpaw - dark gray tom

Flamepaw - flame-colored tom

Stonepaw - dark gray tom

Queens

Blackfur - black she-cat (mother of Shadeclaw's kits: Darkkit, a black-and-dark gray tabby tom, and Stripekit, a black-and-dark gray tom with a tabby striped tail)

Elders

Pinepelt - elderly ginger-and-dark brown tom

Birchclaw - light brown tabby she-cat

WindClan

Leader

Breezestar - black tom

Deputy

Leafbreeze - light ginger tom

Medicine Cat

Grasspetal - pale ginger she-cat

Warriors

Sedgefur - light brown tabby she-cat **Apprentice: Hawkpaw**

Petalflight - gray she-cat with a white chest and face **Apprentice: Heronpaw**

Lightfur - pale golden she-cat **Apprentice: Tallpaw**

Crowfur - dark gray, almost black, tom **Apprentice: Cloudpaw**

Swallowclaw - dark gray she-cat **Apprentice: Shrewpaw**

Thistlestream - white she-cat

Gorseclaw - brown tabby tom

Apprentices

Hawkpaw - brown tabby tom

Heronpaw - gray-and-white she-cat

Tallpaw - black-and-white tom

Cloudpaw - white tom

Shrewpaw - dark brown tom with amber eyes

Queens

Wrenfeather - light brown tabby she-cat (Expecting Crowfur's kits)

Elders

Ashpelt - gray tom

Twofoot - light brown tom with paralyzed hind legs

RiverClan

Leader

Pikestar - dark brown tabby tom

Deputy

Hailclaw - silver tabby tom

Medicine Cat

Watersight - silver tabby she-cat with blind blue eyes **Apprentice: Hailpaw**

Warriors

Silverfur - silver tabby she-cat

Shinestream - silver tabby she-cat

Lakefur - blue-gray she-cat

Stoneclaw - gray tom

Crookedtail - brown tabby tom with a crooked tail **Apprentice: Twistedpaw**

Fishscar - gray tom with a scarred muzzle

Strongjaw - brown tabby tom with a powerful jaw

Apprentices

Hailpaw - blue-gray tom

Twistedpaw - blue-gray tom with a twisted jaw

Elders

Brokenfoot - brown tabby tom with a permanent broken paw

Grayfur - gray she-cat

Cats Outside of the Clan

Clawpelt - dark gray tom with ragged, unkempt fur and scars on the tail, formerly ShadowClan

Chapter 1

Spottedkit and Hollykit tumbled around with Tigerkit and Brightkit when Featherstar called a meeting.

"Let all cats old enough to catch their own prey gather below the highledge!" Featherstar yowled. Spottedkit lifted her head from the moss-ball.

"Four of our kits are old enough to become apprentices!" she announced. Spottedkit thought it was her, Hollykit, Tigerkit and Brightkit.

"Hollykit, Tigerkit, Brightkit and Spottedkit," Featherstar announced. "From this moment on, you will be known as Hollypaw, Tigerpaw, Brightpaw and Spottedpaw." Spottedpaw bounced slightly.

"Hollypaw, your mentor will be Bramblefang. I hope Bramblefang will pass down all he knows onto you," Featherstar announced. Hollypaw touched Bramblefang's nose.

"Tigerpaw, your mentor will be Smokenose," Featherstar continued. "I hope Smokenose will pass down all he knows onto you." Tigerpaw touched noses with Smokenose, Spottedpaw's father.

"Brightpaw, your mentor will be Whitefoot," Featherstar meowed. "I hope Whitefoot will pass down all he knows onto you." The black tom touched noses with Brightpaw.

"Spottedpaw, your mentor will be Sorreltuft," Featherstar finished. "I hope Sorreltuft will pass down all she knows onto you."

"Hollypaw! Tigerpaw! Brightpaw! Spottedpaw!" ThunderClan cheered. Spottedpaw's pelt felt hot under the curious gaze of Hollypaw.

"Medicine cat?" Hollypaw asked, wounded. "Why? I thought we

were going to be warriors together!"

"Yesterday, I felt the pull of being a medicine cat," Spottedpaw protested.

"We were going to be warriors!" Hollypaw turned and headed over to Bramblefang, not looking back. Bramblefang spoke to Hollypaw, and the two headed out of camp. Spottedpaw turned to the medicine den.

Why did I ever choose the path of the medicine cat?

Chapter 2

Several moons had flown by and Spottedpaw was once again in the medicine den with Sorreltuft.

"That's comfrey for broken bones," Spottedpaw recited. "Over there's some catmint and chickweed for greencough, that's watermint for bellyaches, thyme for shock, willow bark for easing somecat's pain, yarrow for extracting poison like deathberries, and dock to soothe scratches."

"Good!" Sorreltuft purred. Suddenly, Hollypaw came limping into the medicine den.

"Owowowowowow," Hollypaw groaned. Bramblefang stuck his head in.

"She fell into a bramble thicket," he explained. Spottedpaw didn't need to be told what to do. She chewed up some dock and rubbed it on her sister's pelt.

"That feels better," Hollypaw meowed gratefully. "I don't know why I got angry at you for wanting to be a medicine cat."

"It's perfectly okay," Spottedpaw smiled. "I wanted to be a medicine cat out entire kithood, but I just didn't know I wanted to be one until out fifth moon. Does that make sense?"

"I guess," Hollypaw replied.

"Hollypaw, let's go," Bramblefang meowed.

"See you later?" Hollypaw asked.

"Let all cats old enough to catch their own prey gather below the Highledge!" Featherstar yowled.

The two medicine cats gathered.

"I, Featherstar, leader of ThunderClan, call upon my warrior ancestors to look down on these apprentices. They have trained hard to understand the ways of your noble code, and I commend them to you as a warrior in their turn," Fetherstar announced. "Hollypaw, Tigerpaw, and Brightpaw, do you promise to uphold the warrior code and to protect and defend your Clan, even at the cost of your life?"

"I do," the three apprentices meowed in unison.

"Then by the powers of StarClan, I give you your warrior name. Hollypaw, Tigerpaw and Brightpaw, from this moment on you will be known as Hollystripe, Tigerstrike and Brightflash. Hollystripe, StarClan honors your kindness and honor, and we welcome you as a full warrior of ThunderClan. Tigerstrike, StarClan honors your courage and bravery, and we welcome you as a full warrior of StarClan. Brightflash, StarClan honors your intelligence and cleverness, and we welcome you as a full warrior of StarClan."

"Hollystripe! Tigerstrike! Brightflash!" the ThunderClan cats yowled.

Spottedpaw felt proud for her sister.

"You will get your name soon," meowed Sorreltuft.